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Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 5:49 PM **To:** Mike Bohlke; Chuck Bookhammer (E-mail)

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Subject: Proposition A Incentive Fund Reserve Mini Call

Hello Mike, Chuck,

This is to inform you of a Metro staff recommendation that the Metro Board approve a mini-Call-for-Projects to program the Proposition A Incentive Program reserve funds for Cities, LA County, and JPAs who provide locally funded paratransit and fixed route services. The recommendation would allocate up to \$14 million toward capital needs for these service providers.

The intent of the Proposition A Incentive Program is to provide funding for coordinated, sub-regional dial-a-ride services that are multi-jurisdictional and increase mobility for the elderly and persons with disabilities. This one-time mini-Call will give eligible applicants an opportunity to fulfill their capital and vehicle replacement needs in providing these services, since they do not have access to various federal and state funding sources.

The unincorporated County would be eligible for \$1.4 to \$2.8 million, based on an allocation methodology whereby each applicant can receive no more than 10% to 20% of the total allocation (percentage to be determined). We would use these funds toward 20 replacement dial-a-ride vehicles for our East Los Angeles, Whittier, et al, and Willowbrook/Walnut Park services, 3 Children's Court replacement of contractor-owned vehicles, and 3 Hahn's Shuttle replacement vehicles. We will also benefit from the savings in service costs with the 10 cities we contract with for coordinated dial-a-ride services, as they will be eligible for replacement of their vehicles.

The full recommendation is Agenda Item No. 8 for the Metro Planning and Programming Committee meeting scheduled for October 18, 2006. Applications would be due in February 2007, and Board approval of projects and their funding amounts is scheduled for June 2007.

We recommend that you support this proposal.

Note: The Proposition A Incentive Program is a pool of money administered by Metro that is separate from the Proposition A Local Return Transit funds we administer.

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